

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/656,077                      Confirmation No.: 8349  
Applicant : David Johnston  
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Title : System and Associated Methods to Determine Authentication  
Priority Between Devices  
Art Unit : 2617  
Examiner : Huy Q Phan  
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Customer No. : 50889

Attention: Office of Petitions

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED DECEMBER 21, 2005**

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office action dated December 21, 2005.  
Further examination and reconsideration are requested.

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